so effective as is desirable. Study aids at the end of chapters and the index are adequate. The text generally reads well. The author employs a simple narrative style with considerable use of descriptive detail. It should appeal to many students who find a history book hard to understand.

This text shows the influence of recent scholarship, although on some points the specialists may quibble with interpretations. One can understand a Texan holding that "The primary cause of the War Between the States was not slavery but the old question of states' rights versus the Constitution," but many may maintain mental reservations on the point. Some teachers will be more distressed by the brief treatment given to the Constitution. In this reviewer's opinion, the book's chief weakness is in the area of economics. Granted that this is a difficult field to simplify, still the explanations of such typical terms as, "cheap money," "dear money," and, "government by injunction," leave something to be desired.

Pattern for Freedom apparently is not designed for the high ability youngster. Where the reading problem is a pressing one, and teachers are looking for an interesting narrative style text that is easier to read than most United States history books, Myrtle Roberts' volume should be considered.

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